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(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:
Marc K. HELLERSTEIN

Application No.: 10/519,121

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Art Unit: 1655

For: **METHODS FOR MEASURING RATES OF
REVERSE CHOLESTEROL TRANSPORT
IN VIVO, AS AN INDEX OF ANTI-
ATHEROGENESIS**

Examiner: Shen, Bin

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 8, 2006 (Paper No. 20060713), for which a response was due on November 8, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 8, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.